(b) Government of India, Department of Family Welfare has various schemes to bring down the Infant Mortality Rate. The recent initiative, Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) Programme launching in 1997, is under implementation in all States. Under this, immunisation against six vaccine preventable diseases, facilities for appropriate management of acute respiratory infections, Oral Rehydration Therapy (ORT) for management of diarrhoeal diseases and essential new born care services are provided. Promotion of exclusive breastfeeding and appropriate complementary feeding practices and prophylaxis againt Vitamin-A and iron deficiencies are also provided to improve the nutritional status of children. The Department of Women and Child Development has been implementing National Programmes like Integrated Child Development Services, which looks after the nutritional requirements of children.

**Stock of Anti-venom and Anti-rabies serum**

3938. SHRI MURLIDEORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAM ILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the present stock of anti-venom serum for snake-bite and anti-rabies serum is not adequate to meet the requirement in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to produce indigenously or to import both the serums to keep the stock intact; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) There is sufficient stock of anti-venom serum foi snake-bite and anti-rabies serum to meet the requirement in the country. These sera are indigenously produced in public as well as private sector in the country.

**NPCB in Andhra Pradesh**

3939. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the present status of National Programme for Control of Blindness in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) how effectively it has been implemented in the State during the last three years, year-wise and district-wise?

THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE: (SHRI A. RAJA) (a) and (b) National Programme for Control of Blindness is being implemented effectively in Andhra Pradesh. Performance of Cataract Operations has been steadily increasing during the last three years as indicated below:

| Year | Achievement of Cataract Operations |
|---|---|
| 2000-2001 | 358799 |
| 2001-2002 | 371949 |
| 2002-2003 | 409913 (Provisional) |

District-wise details of Cataract Operations performed during the last three years are given in the annexed Statement.

***Statement***

*National Programme for Control of Blindness Status of Cataract Performance in Andhra Pradesh*

| District | 2000-2001 | 2001-2002 | 2002-2003 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Srikakulam | 7587 | 11920 | 11111 |
| Vizianagaram | 7486 | 9263 | 10592 |
| Vishakhapatnam | 23893 | 31983 | 29384 |
| East Godavari | 25906 | 27041 | 30324 |
| West Godavari | 27267 | 22419 | 18325 |
| Krishna | 17414 | 20543 | 23012 |
| Guntur | 14436 | 15470 | 21545 |
| Prakasam | 14400 | 15978 | 19430 |
| Nellore | 9203 | 12979 | 14746 |
| Chittor | 13920 | 14589 | 13535 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cuddapah | 11980 | 10479 | 11962 |
| Ananthapur | 13198 | 13034 | 26321 |
| Kumool | 12698 | 14613 | 15312 |
| Mahboobnagar | 12084 | 8268 | 12550 |
| Ranga reddy | 24782 | 12276 | 10704 |
| Hyderabad | 52473 | 40544 | 37814 |
| Medak | 9071 | 11853 | 16161 |
| Nizamabad | 12938 | 16287 | 11183 |
| Adilabad | 4591 | 8318 | 14697 |
| Karimnagar | 10050 | 10360 | 12227 |
| Warangal | 4924 | 14160 | 15049 |
| Khammam | 14449 | 14419 | 19628 |
| Nalgonda | 14049 | 15153 | 14301 |
| TOTAL | 358799 | 371949 | 409913 |

**World Bank assistance under R&CH Programme**

3940. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether World Bank has provided financial assistance under Reproductive and Child Health Programme in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether population growth has been brought under control on account of this programme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The World Bank has provided external assistance of Rs. 800.59 crores till 31.3.2003 for